

Our mission at St. Peter and The CORE is to help people plant Jesus roots that produce the Spirit's fruits.

Jesus is the only way to be connected to God and thus enjoy true life. So our mission is to help you plant Jesus roots. These are habits that will keep you connected to Jesus, Jesus' Word, and Jesus' will for your life. These five habits or roots are: **Gather** – regular worship; **Group** – doing life with other Christians; **Grow** – by making Jesus a regular part of our home life; **Give** – time and resources to God and others; **Go** – invest in and invite the unchurched you know who don't go.

Why plant these roots? "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23). When we are rooted in Jesus, the Holy Spirit produces what our own white-knuckle willpower cannot. The Spirit helps us love one another, have peace with God, rejoice always in the Lord, practice self-control against temptation, and so much more. You want these fruits! That's why we plant Jesus roots.

The Spirit works. You can plant all five "Jesus roots" in a single week and still not see any radical changes in your life. But give God some time. The Holy Spirit uses the Word to produce something beautiful in us. Be patient. Wait for the Lord. Because his Word never comes back empty! The Spirit is producing something beautiful in you.

The 5 roots are only powerful when they go from theory to practice. So for each of the 5 roots, write down your specific "next steps." Be specific. Put a time frame on your steps. Share your plan with someone you trust!

## my ROOTS

Name:	Accountability Partner:
GATHER in worship regularly	
Hebrews 10:25 "We should not stop gather-	Material:
ing together with other believers Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming."	Commit to talking about faith spontaneously and commit to praying together: Y/N
Worship Attendance	
How often per month?	<b>GIVE</b> generously to God and others
List blessings of gathering together:	Romans 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer you bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship."
	Passion / Interest:
<b>GROUP</b> to do life together	How I will serve our church / community:
"Love honor accept instruct bear with forgive speak to teach and admonish encourage confess your sins to have fellowship with one another."	Offering:% of income = \$ Amount to give to the needy: \$
Life Groups	
☐ Sign me up ☐ More info ☐ Maybe later	<b>GO</b> invest in and invite the unchurched
Seasonal Bible Studies	Matthew 20:18-19 "Jesus said, "Go and make
☐ Sundays ☐ Midweek ☐ More info	disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching
<sup>1</sup> John 13:34; Romans 12:10; Romans 15:7,14; Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; James 5:16; 1 John 1:7	Who do you know that doesn't go?
GROW in the home	Invite them to Worship? StartingPoint? Church Event? Life Group? Coffee?
Psalm 1:1-2 "Blessed is the person who delights in the teachings of the Lord and reflects on his	
teachings day and night."	— Complete this form and then share it with someone who
<b>Home devotions</b> $\underline{P}$ ersonal $\underline{C}$ ouple $\underline{F}$ amily (In the blanks, put $\underline{P}$ , $\underline{C}$ and/or $\underline{F}$ as applicable.)	can walk with you as you implement it – an "accountability partner" (see the top of this sheet.) This could be your spouse, Life Group friends, a trusted fellow
Morning Afternoon Evening	Christian or your pastor.

Evening

Afternoon

Morning